

AMERICAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

BRITISH LEAVE ENGLAND JUNE 28

Send Word They Have Arranged to Enter Open Championship.

WILL PLAY 50 MATCHES

George and Abe to Be Supported at Skokie by Taylor, Herd and Lockwood.

By KERR N. PETRIE.

Definite word was received here yesterday that George Duncan and Abe Mitchell, the British professional golf stars, will be participants in this year's American open championship, which is to be decided over the links of the Skokie Club of Chicago in July.

George and Abe will leave England on the Majestic June 28, arriving about July 5. As the championship begins on July 11 this will give the British golfers less than a week to settle down. They will go direct to Chicago to begin practice at Skokie, and the championship will therefore be their first appearance during their tour.

Duncan and Mitchell plan another campaign of exhibition matches similar to that in which they engaged last year. Last summer they played about twenty matches. It is thought that about fifty will satisfy them this time. Most of their exhibition playing will be done in the middle West. They will conclude their tour some time in October.

Several weeks ago Duncan in a letter to the writer gave a hint of what was in his mind regarding his plans for the coming season. Both the Hanger Hill expert and the long driving Abe Mitchell are anxious to atone for their rather mediocre showing in the open championship last year. Duncan on that occasion did finish in the money, but at no time did he threaten the title won by Jim Barnes. Mitchell for his part found the going so hard and the climatic conditions then prevailing so little to his liking that he decided to pick up in the middle of the second round.

Weather Proved Big Factor.

Subsequent contests in which the British pair engaged proved that the American players probably were somewhat fortunate in having the weather so favorable on one of their warmest spells by way of initiating the Britons at Washington. Determination will be written large upon the countenances of the invaders the coming summer, for that virtual debacle, coming right at the outset of the tour, left a sore spot, the sting of which was in no way mitigated by the many brilliant rounds recorded with the succeeding months.

What awaits the defending forces at Skokie can only be conjectured. It would be well to remember, however, that the invader's pair, and especially Mitchell, who never could have imagined what awaited him under the flaming skies of a torrid American summer, this time will be prepared for whatever may befall. Over and above that there is food for reflection in the fact that last year at Skokie his first time around the course, Mitchell, in fact, was not better than the mark which the year before had been hung up by Harry Vardon. Duncan in that same round scored a 72.

Physically Mitchell was in very bad shape all through his American tour. He was a sufferer from pyrexia. An American physician who examined Abe at the conclusion of his schedule of matches said that in such condition he really ought not to have been playing golf. Since returning to England Mitchell has had all his teeth extracted.

Five British Stars to Compete.

This definite pronouncement by Mitchell and Duncan assures outside participation in the American open championship this year of a very stern and unusual kind. The fact that the former Australian open title holder, who was runner up to Mitchell in the Glenageary tournament last summer and who during his stay of several months in England, had actually won the leading honor over a period of twenty important tournaments, has returned to the United States. In addition J. H. Taylor, five times British open champion, and Sam Hardy, also an erstwhile holder of the big title abroad, have completed arrangements for an onslaught on the American honors.

A month or two ago Vardon was also mentioned as one of the season's potential invaders, the name of the six times British winner being coupled at various times with that of Ted Ray and James Braid. But it is now clear that it is not a visit from any of this trio is very improbable. But, as the position now stands, the American linkman is assured this year again of the presence of the most powerful international conflicts so dear to his heart.

Columbia Freshman Quintet Forfeits to Horace Mann

The Horace Mann basketball team closed its season on the home court yesterday with a good claim to the city title by virtue of eighteen straight victories over the best scholastic teams in the metropolitan district, when the Columbia freshmen forfeited the scheduled game after an argument on the interpretation of the outside ball rule by the score of 2 to 0.

Both teams were dressed and on the floor, waiting tensely for the whistle, as the result would mean a first setback for one of the Blue and White squadings had an unbroken string of victories over Clinton, Stuyvesant, Commerce, Brooklyn, Poly freshmen, N. Y. U. freshmen and Barnard, among others.

In explaining the rules preparatory to starting the game, the referee, declared that the ball should be tossed in from the point where it left the boundary of the court. Joe Deering, the Columbia coach, differed with the referee, and the referee, on the other hand, declared that the ball should be tossed in from the point where it left the boundary of the court. Joe Deering, the Columbia coach, differed with the referee, and the referee, on the other hand, declared that the ball should be tossed in from the point where it left the boundary of the court.

Racing to Begin at the Jamaica Track on May 3

Joseph E. Davis and J. E. Cowdin Elected Stewards of the Jockey Club.

By HENRY V. KING.

Racing will have an earlier opening this spring than at any time since the repeal of the Percy-Gray law in 1908. According to the dates announced by the stewards of the Jockey Club yesterday, the season will begin on May 3 and end on October 28, a total of 152 days. Last year the sport began on May 6. Despite the early opening only one day has been added to last year's schedule. This goes to Belmont Park's spring meeting.

The first meeting will be held at Jamaica. It will run from Wednesday, May 3, to and through May 24. From there the thoroughbreds will migrate to Belmont Park, where they will enjoy nineteen days' racing from Thursday, May 25, to June 15, inclusive. Aqueduct will follow with a meeting from Friday, June 16, to Friday, July 7. After this meet horses and horses will begin their march on Saratoga. They will stop over at James Butler's Empire City track in Yonkers, for a season from July 8 to July 20, inclusive. The next stop will be the up-state watering place, where the meeting will begin on August 1 and run through the entire month.

Saturday, September 2, will see the sport at Belmont Park for the fall meeting of thirteen days. On September 13 Aqueduct will begin its autumn season, which will last until September 26. Jamaica will follow with a twelve day season, and then Empire City will close the season with a meeting, which will last until October 28.

At a meeting of the Jockey Club which preceded the session of the stewards the number of stewards was increased from seven to nine. Joseph E. Davis and John E. Cowdin were the members elected to fill the new positions. Officials for the year were: President, J. E. Davis; Secretary, Mrs. Cassidy; Starter, Walter S. Voeburg; Handicapper, E. C. Potter, assistant to the stewards at the start; C. Smith and C. Connelley, judges; Albert Burles, clerk of the scales; James McLaughlin, E. H. Hanna and William Doyle, patrol judges, and James Kneale, timer, to succeed J. D. Odum who resigned.

Many jockeys and trainers receive licenses and the United Hurdles Racing Association was granted a sanction to hold a meeting at Belmont Park Terminal on May 2 and November 2. Those present at the meeting were: August Belmont, F. K. Sturges, H. K. McLean, J. E. Davis, George W. Sturges, Robert L. Gerry, A. H. Morris, Joseph E. Widener, Richard T. Wilson and William Woodward.

GRACE MAYERS SCORES IN FEATURE RACE AT MOBILE

Beats Apple Jack and Other Sprinters in Handicap.

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Mobile, Ala., March 9.—Grace Mayers scored her first victory in the twenty-third annual Handicap at the local fair grounds today. She defeated Apple Jack and other sprinters in the race.

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